

Saturday March 4

Dear HW:

HOOOOOOOORAY! I was HOPING from the moment the news broke a couple of weeks ago vis-a-vis the investigation in New Orleans that YOU would be there firstest with the mostest, bookwise!

I do appreciate your taking a moment to send along your note. And being an imaginative between-the-lines reader, it told me much of interest. Of course, all we know (or think we know) is what we read in the papers, magazines and see on TV. The television news leaves a lot to be desired from where I'm sitting. Have always wondered WHY Dave Brinkley is so BIASED in favor of the Warren Commission report (I've decided not to dignify it with a cap "R"). He always snarls openly when he mentions anything or anybody who could possibly upset the Earl of Warren.

But I've managed to sift and digest what news does filter thru up here in Maine. To answer your question - YES, much of the current flap could have come right from your pages. How can The Great White Investigator In The Sky, JEH, possibly expect any of us to "buy" him and his department after all this? I just glanced thru the index of my copy of Earl's Effort (ha ha) to see if Ferrie or Shaw/Bertrand were mentioned in the index. I should have known they wouldn't be. Ferrie sounded like a rather "rare" type according to the news releases - and I will be eager to know the details of his demise - whether suicide, murder or by the hand of God. The contents of Shaw's closets made intriguing reading - whips, yet????

Please, Harold, have someone double-check your paid-up-member list for your next book! And put it alphabetically by FIRST NAME - then I'll know I'll be among the first to go into the efficient hands of the USMail.

The recent Jack Anderson column suggesting the Dallas tragedy might have been a Cuban counterplot against a CIA Plot To Rub Out Fidel was a frightening thing to contemplate - in its relationship to RFK.

I wish WCAU would run another series of night talk programs on the general subject, like they did late last summer. Some day I'll drop them a line and check it out. Among other things I want to know more about LHO's trips to and activities in Mexico.

Did I mention before how great I thought your chapter headings were in WII??? Particularly Sheherazade and your use of the word "caper" and the bit about "too secret Secret Service"! And whoever does your typing for the offset press sure does well, or is it that your proofreader has a supersharp eye?

Make it snappy with your current project, PLEASE!